

Whereas the 2001 elections form the foundation for a genuinely democratic government that represents the will and sovereignty of the people of Peru and that can be a constructive partner with the United States in advancing common interests in the Americas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN PERU ON JUNE 3, 2001.

(a) CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF PERU.—The Senate, on behalf of the people of the United States, hereby—

(1) congratulates the people of Peru for the successful completion of free and fair elections held on April 8 and June 3, 2001, as well as for their courageous struggle to restore democracy and the rule of law;

(2) congratulates Alejandro Toledo for his election as President of Peru and his continued strong commitment to democracy;

(3) congratulates Valentin Paniagua, current President of Peru, for his commitment to ensuring a stable and peaceful transition to democracy and the rule of law; and

(4) congratulates the Organization of American States (OAS) Electoral Observer Mission, led by Eduardo Stein, for its service in promoting representative democracy in the Americas by working to ensure free and fair elections in Peru.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should expand its cooperation with the Government of Peru to promote—

(A) the strengthening of democratic institutions and the rule of law in Peru; and

(B) economic development and an improved quality of life for citizens of both countries;

(2) the governments of the United States and Peru should act in solidarity to promote democracy and respect for human rights in the Western Hemisphere and throughout the world;

(3) the governments of the United States and Peru should enhance cooperation to confront common threats such as corruption and trafficking in illicit narcotics and arms; and

(4) the United States Government should cooperate fully with the Peruvian Government to bring to justice former Peruvian officials involved in narcotics and arms trafficking or other illicit activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 108—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP WEEK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEOWNERSHIP TO BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 108

Whereas the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has announced that the week beginning June 3, 2001, is recognized as National Homeownership Week;

Whereas homeownership is the dream of most people and families in the United States, including those of all economic, racial, and cultural backgrounds;

Whereas homeownership rates are at an all-time high in the United States and homeownership rates for low-income families and minority households have improved in the past decade, but the rates for low-income

families and minority households are lower than the overall homeownership rate;

Whereas expansion of opportunities for homeownership is integral to a sound national economy, stable communities, and strong families;

Whereas providing decent housing for all people in the United States requires the cooperation and commitment of the public, private, and nonprofit sectors;

Whereas many nonprofit and for-profit organizations are actively involved in providing opportunities for homeownership and have been instrumental in increasing homeownership rates to historic levels; and

Whereas the Federal Government and State and local governments are also actively involved in efforts to provide decent housing for all people in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) fully supports National Homeownership Week;

(2) recognizes the importance of homeownership in building strong communities and families in the United States; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to promote homeownership and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48—RECOGNIZING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL FOR ITS WORK IN HELPING FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES TO REALIZE THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 48

Whereas Habitat for Humanity International helps to provide the means for people to achieve the dream of homeownership;

Whereas in 2001, Habitat for Humanity International celebrates its 25th anniversary;

Whereas in 2000, Habitat for Humanity International provided 86,000 people the opportunity to own a home, making it the most productive year in the organization's history;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity International should be commended for building more than 100,000 homes in 76 countries and for giving more than half a million people the opportunity to fulfill the dream of homeownership;

Whereas more than 2,000 affiliates and hundreds of thousands of volunteers worldwide participate in "builds" sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International; and

Whereas many Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, their spouses, and their staffs have shown a strong commitment to Habitat for Humanity International by personally participating in the building of almost 500 homes as part of the Habitat for Humanity International programs known as "The Houses That Congress Built" and "The Houses the Senate Built": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) honors and congratulates Habitat for Humanity International for 25 years of service to the people of the United States;

(2) expresses its appreciation for the work done by Habitat for Humanity International

to help so many people in the United States realize the dream of homeownership; and

(3) expresses the hope that Habitat for Humanity International will enjoy many more productive and successful years.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the oversight hearing that was originally scheduled by the Committee on Indian Affairs on the Goals and Priorities of the Great Plains Tribes for June 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building has been postponed. The oversight hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 503 AND H.R. 1885

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that the following bills are at the desk, having been read for the first time: H.R. 503 and H.R. 1885.

So I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, en bloc, for these two bills to receive a second reading, and then I would object to any further consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. Thank you, Mr. President.

EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1914 just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1914) to extend for 4 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the Senate is once again passing legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code, which protects family farmers and helps them prevent foreclosures and forced auctions of their farms.

While I strongly support providing our family farmers with bankruptcy protection so they can continue farming the land, it is time for Congress to make Chapter 12 a permanent part of the Bankruptcy Code. Too many family farmers have been left in legal limbo in bankruptcy courts across the country when temporary extensions of the chapter expire. I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact Chapter 12 on a permanent basis.